

malady of the middle ear. Milligan points out that the objective symptoms are referable to the effects produced by the deposition of bacilli within the mucosa of the tympanic cavity and to the subsequent ulcerative effects which are hereby induced. Miliary tubercles are deposited in the superficial layers of the mucosa, which appear as yellowish areas in a pearly gray membrane. They readily break down, forming ulcers, which produce extensive destruction.

Koerner's efforts at entering the attic and antrum through the external auditory canal cannot help but arouse our interest. The day may be near, with our increasing knowledge of these parts and improved technic, when this operation will not be considered as ill advised to avoid under certain conditions the more radical and disfiguring procedure against the mastoid cells. Its analogy to vaginal hysterectomy and ovariectomy is interesting.

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